

to begin with page 17, to show what exactly the total packet, what 541 does. If you then turn to page 18, you can see the significant increases and significant reductions in the budget in total, which is the prim...which is all most, I think, the vast majority, if not all of that is now contained in LB 541. You know, once again, the thing that I guess, by adopting 541, the entire package, you will see that aid to local governments is 37.2 percent of the budget, that includes a 1.5 percent reduction a year into nonentitlement aid. Aid to individuals, Medicaid and other aid is now 21.7 percent of the budget. University of Nebraska is 19.50 percent of the budget. The next five largest state agencies is 14.1 percent; the next ten largest is 5.3 percent; and the 40 smallest state agencies represent 2.3 percent of the entire state budget. If you go on to pages 20, 21, 22, 23, you will see exactly what 541 does in comparison to other...what...in comparison to past years, that gives you a true picture, agency-by-agency, what the recommendation now is. And, with that, I'd ask for advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't know, Senator Moore, if you have this handy or not, but I was wondering of the significant reductions, I read in the paper that there's another bill being considered? I don't know the status of it. I was wondering what, if any, of these significant reductions might be still under consideration, or...you may not be prepared to say that right now, check later.

SENATOR MOORE: It's no secret that the committee has discussed, cussed and discussed a variety of things. (Laughter.) Actually, LB 330 is a bill that's still in committee that...it's been our opinion that the entire package, as is, is the one that can be afforded if, indeed, there was additional revenue, many of the significant reductions you speak of probably would be candidates for that list. Last Wednesday, I think, we passed out a status of what the amendments of 330 would be if we advanced that bill today. The committee has yet to meet on that bill, and will not...if there's five members that want to meet, but our plan is not to meet until later in the week when we have a better picture of just what exactly the revenue picture is. As it now stands, that supplemental bill, I think, reinstates most of the university reduction; does not reinstate the nonentitlement aid cut; does reinstate the technical community